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UNI's BIGGEST ALLY

A day in the life of Jeneane Beck, UNI's state relations officer

For a non-alumna, Jeneane Beck may be one of UNI's most integral advocates. She serves the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, as UNI's state relations officer.

"I'm the go-between for any legislative and state questions and the university," she said. During the legislative sessions between January and May, she's on hand at the Iowa Statehouse in Des Moines every day to advocate for UNI.

When a legislator has a question, they ask her first. She verifies with campus and responds. "Campus does a fabulous job of getting answers back to us right away, which is very important. Legislators all want their answers yesterday!" she said.

Beck took the position a year ago. She loves the fact that she's learning something every day. "The university reaches so many parts of state government that I didn't know about before I started," Beck said. "With the strong focus on educational reform this year, it's been fascinating, as both a lobbyist and a parent, to learn what UNI provides to the education field."

Previously, Beck worked as an Iowa Statehouse reporter for 16 years; first for WHO Radio, then for KUNI-Iowa Public Radio. "I never thought I'd be a lobbyist, but when the opportunity came up with the combination of advocating for higher education and UNI specifically – now that I can do!"



“Every day, I try to educate someone about UNI,” Beck said. “I want to be a positive ambassador for the university.”

UNI Day at the Statehouse

Monday, Feb. 11, 1-3 p.m.

Alumni and friends of UNI are invited to show their support for the university by attending UNI Day at the Statehouse. The goal is to have representatives from each college displaying their featured work in the rotunda, similar to a trade show. Light refreshments will be served. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. TC will be on hand for photos as well.

"Just one email, call or visit from alumni with legislators can make a huge difference," said Jeneane Beck, state relations officer for UNI. "It's a new and different way to get the message across about the value of UNI."

Beck's typical day during session:

8:15 a.m. Arrive at the Statehouse before they gavel in: 8:30 a.m. for the House; 9 a.m. for the Senate. Sit in crow's nest gallery to hear Points of Personal Privilege. "This is when the legislators get to share personal comments. It can be positive, but sadly is most often something negative that they are angry about. That means we play defense right away."

8:30-Noon Go to sub-committee meetings. Beck attends all education and budget sub-committee meetings. "As bills come through, they ask the lobbyists: what does your organization think about this? Any concerns or support? What impact would this have on you? We send every bill to campus for comments so we're prepared."

Noon Lunch with Iowa and ISU state relations officers (SRO). Each officer is assigned a sub-committee that they then report on to the others. "The Iowa SRO handles health and human services; ISU handles economic development and I take education. We report back to each other as our entities all need to know what's happening."

Throughout the day Respond to legislator's requests to meet in rotunda and answer questions; send notes to request meetings with legislators; and answer questions from campus. "There are no offices for us in the Statehouse, so it's a free-for-all! We wander around and look for quiet places to take phone calls; there's no privacy so everyone knows your business."

1-5 p.m. Attend debates. "Normally, they end at 4 or 5 p.m. but at the end of session, debates can last until midnight or later. We stay as long as they do, because you never know when an amendment will be offered that impacts the university."

The difference alumni can make

"Where alumni can be so helpful is by communicating with their legislators," said Beck. "Legislators expect me to talk about the good things UNI does and ask for full funding; but when a citizen asks, it has so much more weight. They want to do what their local voters want. Often, they'll print out and share an email or letter during session."

Alumni can stay up-to-date on UNI with the new e-newsletter, Panther Caucus. Out-of-state alumni can opt in to receive the email. It's a periodic, concise message with statistics and brag points from the university designed to increase awareness and public support. To sign up, go to unialum.org/panther-caucus.

UNI's SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

FINDING DIFFERENT WAYS TO LEARN

The University of Northern Iowa is known nationwide as one of the top schools for teachers. A lesser-known fact is that UNI has an equally impressive special education program.

This is something that graduate student Dawn Kobolt learned when she was first looking at UNI. "I heard from various teachers, 'That's the best school to go to for education; that's the best school especially if you want to get a special education endorsement,'" she said.

Following their advice, Kobolt recently received a special education endorsement and is now pursuing a Strategist II minor, which focuses on teaching students with severe intellectual disabilities.

Graduate student Dawn Kobolt is inspired by the special education students she works with.



The instructional strategist endorsements are: Strategist I K-8, which focuses on students at the elementary level with mild to moderate special education needs; Strategist I 5-12, which focuses on students with mild to moderate needs at the secondary education level; and Strategist II, which focuses on students with severe intellectual disabilities.

"All the programs really are about advocating and helping students find different ways to learn through assistive technology, and making sure that they understand," said Sophie Haarhues, a senior minoring in Strategist I.

Haarhues discovered the needs of individual students can be very different during one of her field experiences, where she was responsible for teaching nine students.

"I know that having note cards is really beneficial for some people," said Haarhues. "For others, having them act it out, or draw or write in a journal may work better - they all learn differently."

There continues to be a shortage of qualified special educators in Iowa and the nation, with a national demand for special educators expected to increase by 17 percent through 2018 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, 2009).

The special education department at UNI offers an array of minors/endorsements, including early childhood special education, the visual impairment endorsement, and three different instructional strategist endorsements.



Senior Katie Strupp works with students at Peet Junior High.

As a Strategist II minor, Kobolt had a similar experience. "For some of my students, a paper-pencil test with bubbles is just not feasible," she said. "It might be that's too much of a fine motor skill; so I may ask them the question verbally, they respond and I mark what they say; for some students, having four choices is too much, so if we take off that fourth choice and just narrow it down to three, they have a greater chance of being able to find the correct one. You just have to think about access for all students."

Behavioral issues can also complicate the learning process - something Kobolt understands well from personal experience with a student.

"I WILL TAKE 100 BAD DAYS FOR THAT ONE DAY WHERE IT CLICKS."

"I just couldn't figure out why his behaviors were impeding his learning," said Kobolt. "I reflected on the day, and I realized I had switched things in the lesson without telling him. So I started writing a little sheet out for him every day of what we were going to do, and I had a little sticky note for myself, so I would know to go through it in that order. I had no behavior problems from him after that."

Despite these issues, both Kobolt and Haarhues agree the challenges are worth the reward of being a special education teacher.

"It means so much to me, just knowing that I've helped them and that I've bettered them," said Haarhues, "and made a difference in their life somehow."

Kobolt was able to narrow down what inspires her to one day. "I will take 100 bad days for that one day where it clicks," she said. "That one day is what keeps me going. Because I see the success; I see those 100 days of hard work pay off in that one small moment."

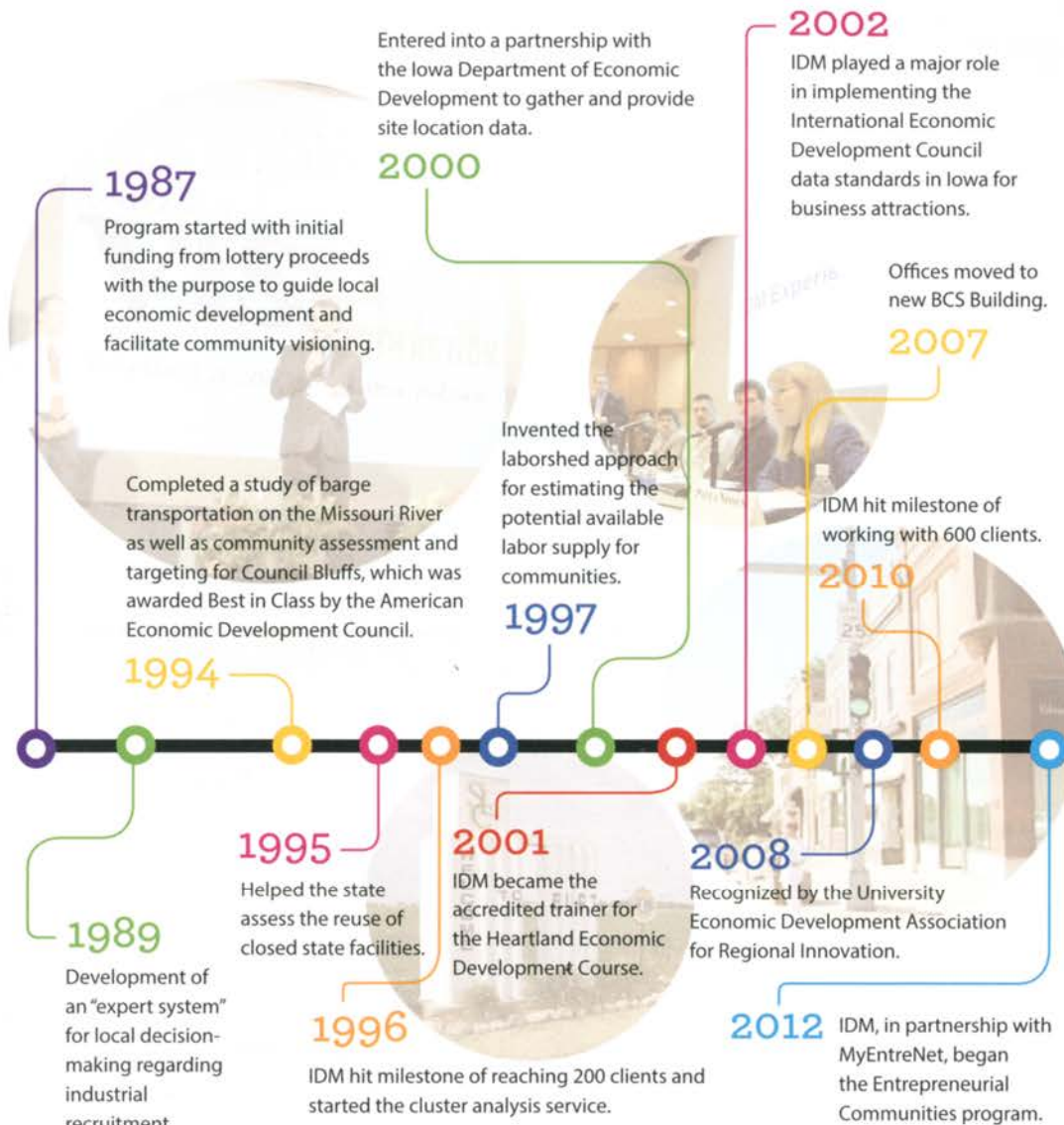
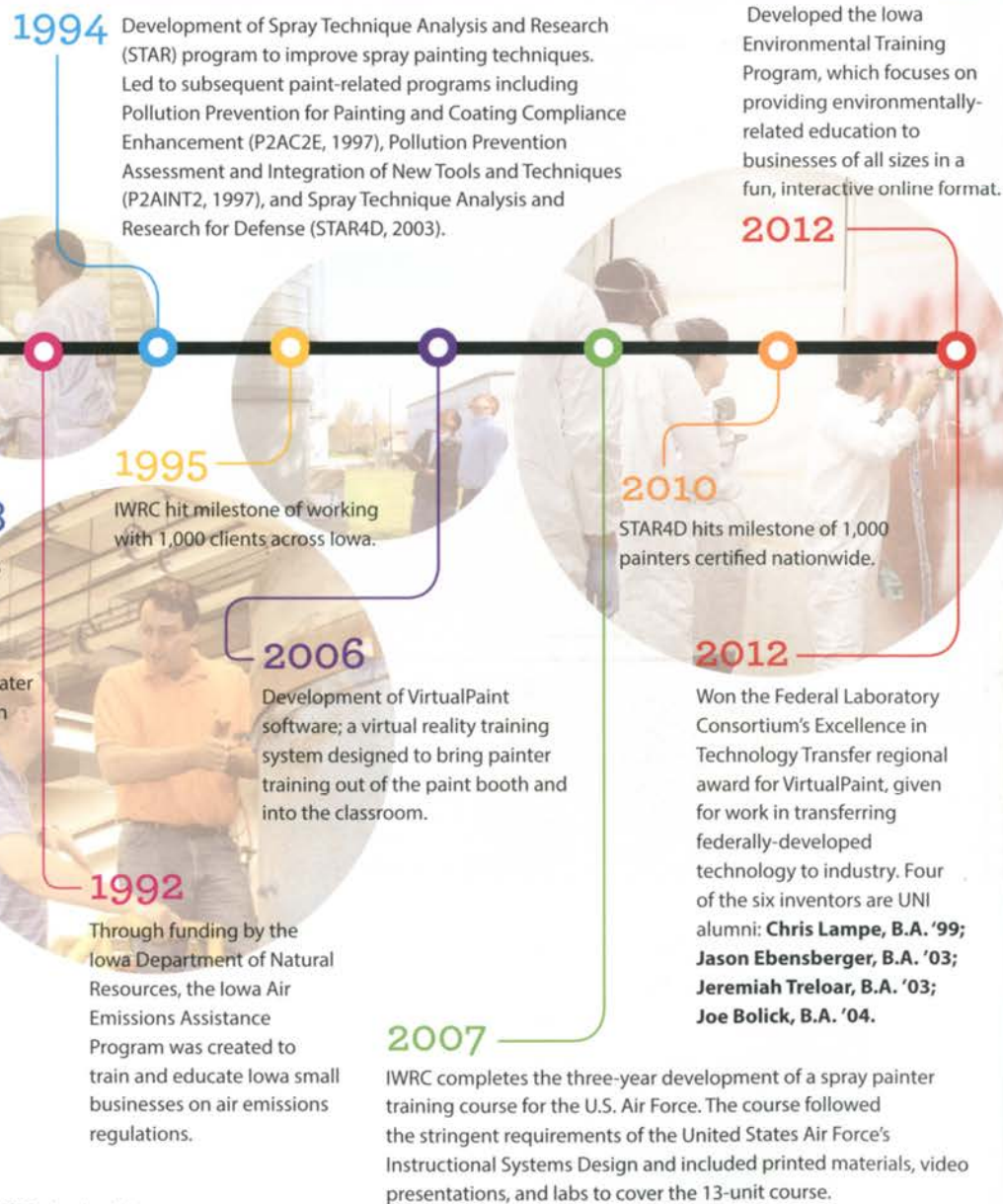
25 YEARS OF STRENGTHENING IOWA

IOWA WASTE REDUCTION CENTER

PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Established at the University of Northern Iowa, the Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC) began operation on Jan. 25, 1988, as a result of the 1987 Groundwater Protection Act. Throughout the years, the IWRC has continually established and grown its core focus of providing environmental assistance to Iowa businesses through on-site reviews, waste reduction initiatives, pollution prevention ideas and disseminating information through the state.

The IWRC has also become nationally recognized for its expertise in painter training. The center has developed several curriculum-based training courses for the painting and coatings industry that have spanned across all industries and branches of the military. For more information on the IWRC, visit www.iowaEnviroAssist.org.



INSTITUTE FOR DECISION MAKING

GUIDING COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE STATE

Since 1987, the Institute for Decision Making (IDM) has been a source of assistance for more than 680 community and economic development organizations in Iowa through services such as: visioning and strategic planning, economic development planning, community marketing and applied research.

By providing economic development training and leadership, IDM continues to recognize the needs and opportunities of Iowa's communities and strives to provide the services to meet them. IDM's innovative approach to applied research includes measuring the economic impact of business attraction projects, targeted industry analyses, community assessments and workforce analyses. For more information on IDM, visit www.bcs.uni.edu/idm.

UNI's Business and Community Services (BCS) programs are dedicated to enabling innovation across Iowa. They leverage every \$1 invested by the state with \$5 in private grants, fees or federal funding.

Currently, 15 programs are represented by BCS and technical assistance is delivered to clients in all 99 Iowa counties. For more information on all BCS programs, visit www.bcs.uni.edu.



UNI ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDENTS *GET BIG BOOST* FROM LOCAL FOUNDATION

UNI STUDENT BUSINESS
INCUBATOR NAMED IN
HONOR OF R. J. MCELROY

UNI's John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center (JPEC) has received a \$300,000 grant from the R. J. McElroy Trust. During a ceremony on Sept. 13, the Student Business Incubator was named the R. J. McElroy Student Business Incubator in honor of McElroy.

"R. J. McElroy was one of the Cedar Valley's most noteworthy entrepreneurs, and the trust has long funded many educational activities for area youth," said Randy Pilkington, executive director of UNI Business and Community Services (BCS) and director of JPEC. "The R. J. McElroy Student Business Incubator is a great combination of entrepreneurship and education."

The UNI Student Business Incubator (SBI), a program of JPEC, is a learning laboratory designed to inspire and educate students interested in entrepreneurship. Located in the BCS Building, the incubator offers one-on-one technical assistance, professional services and training, office space and standard equipment, and mentoring programs to UNI students who meet the SBI requirements. With 10 office suites and numerous programs and events throughout the year, SBI has served hundreds of college entrepreneurs since it began in 2005.

The funds from the R. J. McElroy Trust will allow JPEC staff to deliver specialized workshops and classes, one-on-one consulting and provide operational support to students in the incubator.

"We are pleased to have the support of the R. J. McElroy Trust," said Katherine Cota-Uyar, associate director of JPEC. "We hope Mr. McElroy would be proud of the young entrepreneurs in our programs and the exciting businesses they start. We think he'd be especially proud of the businesses that have begun in the incubator and are now adding to the Iowa economy."

The grant from the R. J. McElroy Trust was part of the Imagine the Impact campaign. For more information about JPEC at UNI, visit www.jpec.org.

*"The R.J. McElroy
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and education."*

TUTORS PANTHERS

a brief history of UNI athletics



NEW BOOK ABOUT UNI ATHLETICS

HELPS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS

A new book chronicling the 120 years of intercollegiate athletics at the University of Northern Iowa is now on sale. According to Jim Kelly, emeritus professor of teaching and project coordinator, all proceeds from sales of "Tutors to Panthers, a brief history of UNI athletics" will go to the Panther Scholarship Club to help fund scholarships for UNI student-athletes.

Twenty-eight current and former UNI faculty, staff and coaches worked together to write the book. "We wanted to do what a group of older faculty, staff, coaches and Panther friends could do to help raise funds for scholarships, and in turn, decrease the need for state funds for athletics," said Kelly.

The book contains 16 chapters, each written by different authors. All authors donated their time and talent. The same goes for internationally-known illustrator Gary Kelley, who created the original artwork for the book's cover.

According to Kelly, only 2,500 copies have been printed. The cost is \$34.95. The books are available at UNI athletic events, College Square Hy-Vee, Heritage Art Gallery, Martin Brothers, University Book & Supply and through the Panther Scholarship Club. Online orders can be placed through University Book & Supply at www.panthersupply.com.

UNI ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

TAKE CAMPAIGN OVER THE TOP

Dear UNI Supporters,

I am pleased to tell you that together we have exceeded the \$150 million Imagine the Impact campaign goal by more than \$6.2 million. The campaign ended Dec. 31, 2012. When we publicly announced the campaign in 2010, I asked you to imagine the impact your giving to the campaign would have on University of Northern Iowa students, faculty and programs and on our state, nation and future. Your investments have brought about profound results, a few of which are listed in this update. Each and every gift made an impact and will continue to do so. I am grateful that there are so many good people who care so much about our university.

With gratitude,

Benjamin J. Allen

Benjamin J. Allen



A note from Bev Riess, M.A. '78 and Mark Oman, B.A. '76; **IMAGINE THE IMPACT CO-CHAIRS**

To the thousands of alumni, friends, faculty and staff who helped us reach and exceed our \$150 million campaign goal, Thank You! Also, thanks to the UNI Foundation Trustees and the National Steering Committee for their support and for promoting the campaign in their communities across the nation.

Private support has accomplished much and will be increasingly important as we move seamlessly into our next initiative. More than \$58 million was raised for scholarships and more than \$84 million for programs. Scholarships and programs will remain a priority as we move forward. Your continued support will help ensure an affordable education for talented students.

Again, thank you and please know that your gifts truly make an impact.

BY THE NUMBERS

TOTALS AS OF DEC. 13, 2012

\$156,205,338	TOTAL RAISED
\$6,205,338	ABOVE GOAL
321	NEW SCHOLARSHIPS CREATED
253	NEW PROGRAM ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED
368	ESTATE GIFTS ESTABLISHED, NOT YET REALIZED
1,630	EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES WHO CONTRIBUTED
35,310	TOTAL DONORS



Ella Rich Rundles

ELLA'S Legacy

Ella Rich Rundles was an early believer in the value of education. Attending the Iowa State Normal School in 1878, she completed an entire four-year degree when most students only studied a term or two before going on to teach.

During those four years, Ella witnessed the introduction of late nineteenth-century technology to campus. Referring to a professor who spoke into a recording device, she said, "It went through all right, but sounded more like the squeaking of a mouse than the voice of our rhetoric teacher." Three years later, the first telephone was installed on campus in Gilchrist Hall.

After graduation, Ella taught in Vinton until she married and started her own family in Janesville. Teachers were not allowed to be married at that time. Ella remained a staunch education advocate throughout her life and would send her daughter, Mary Jane, by train from Janesville to Cedar Falls to complete her high school education, as Janesville did not offer a senior year.

After graduating high school, Mary Jane Rundles continued on to college at the Iowa State Normal School. She graduated in 1922 with a degree in education and a major in French. Membership in the Delphian Literary Society fed her passion for literature and inspired

lifelong learning. Mary Jane taught school and coached basketball for eight years until she married William Grupp.

Mary Jane encouraged her children, Kathryn and James, to attend Iowa State Teachers College as well. Kathryn Rundles Grupp graduated in 1957 with a two-year teaching degree and taught third grade

until her retirement. Now she runs an antique store in Reinbeck, where the one-room schoolhouse she and her brother attended was moved.

In his time at Iowa State Teachers College, James participated in marching band, concert band and Glee Club. He graduated in 1960 with his BA in Music Education and has served as an ambassador of music ever since. Students at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton discovered the joy of music through his teaching for 10 years, then flourished under his leadership as the



Mary Jane Rundles



Mary Jane Rundles continued the teaching tradition, graduating in 1922.

dean of students after he earned a Master's in School Administration from UNI. Today, he owns a business in Reinbeck. He still attends many concerts and symphony performances at the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center.

James met his wife, Donna Duckett Grupp, B.A. '64, at the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, where she taught preschool and elementary school for 16 years. Their daughter, Jama, would become the fourth generation to attend what is now the University of Northern Iowa (UNI).

Jama graduated in 1997 with a degree in elementary education and early childhood education. She later returned for her reading endorsement and

now teaches kindergarten in Grundy Center. "I love to have UNI teachers and student teachers visit my classroom," Jama said. "It's a great way to stay connected to the university."

Jama married Phillip Johnson, who attended UNI from 1996-98. They can often be seen cheering on the Panthers at football and basketball games with their children.

UNI's impact remains visible throughout the family. "After my time on the dance team at UNI, I coached cheer and dance at the high school

level for 10 years," said Jama. "My father, James, who was involved with music at UNI, has been the organist and choir director at the Methodist Church in Reinbeck for 30 years."

"We all have fond memories of attending UNI," says Jama. "We are proud to carry on the rich tradition of UNI educators."



Donna Duckett Grupp, 2-year teaching certificate '64, and her daughter, Jama, both enjoyed children's literature with Dr. Jeanne Harms during their respective times at UNI.



Jama Grupp Johnson, B.A. '97, in her UNI Dance Team days.



Jama, Phillip and their potential future Panthers, Ellyanna and Adonn.



PANTHER WRESTLING

A GREAT DAY IN THE HISTORY OF

The University of Northern Iowa wrestling program is rich with tradition – the tradition of producing championship wrestlers. UNI captured the 1950 NCAA Division I Wrestling National Championship. The Panthers have crowned 21 NCAA Division I individual national champions, the latest being Tony Davis at 149 lbs. in 2000, and have tallied 115 NCAA Division I All-Americans. UNI's Bill Smith captured an Olympic Gold Medal at the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki, Finland. Since rejoining the Division I ranks in 1981, UNI has notched twenty Top-20 finishes at the NCAA Championships.

Yet UNI is faced with stiff recruiting competition from schools such as the University of Iowa, Iowa State, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Minnesota and Missouri. These schools have a distinct advantage in regards to their wrestling facilities since UNI facility needs have gone unmet over the course of 20+ years.

Recently, UNI has begun its charge on those schools with a four-phase renovation project.

Phase I, the wrestling workout room renovation, was completed in October and was a result of the lead gift from longtime Panther wrestling supporter and UNI graduate Sandy Stevens, B.A. '62. Sandy chose to name the wrestling room after Bill Koll – a national champion, Olympian and former UNI wrestling coach.

"Being able to help out these student-athletes has given me so much joy that I think the benefit to me is probably greater than it is to the students," Stevens said.

The three remaining steps in the renovation include: Phase 2 – wrestling locker room; Phase 3 – coaches' offices; and Phase 4 – strength and conditioning.

"With the expansion of the West Gym workout room completed, it shows that a huge investment has been put into the future of UNI wrestling," UNI head coach Doug Schwab said. "This expanded room is an indication of where UNI wrestling is headed; everything is getting bigger, better and refreshed. None of this gets done without committed student-athletes, coaches, administration, parents and alumni. We are fortunate to have all of these resources in place at UNI. We work daily to build every one of these aspects of the program. Along with the staff and wrestlers, I relish the opportunity to build on the proud and storied history at UNI."

"I love being here at UNI – the outpouring of support for our team is incredible," said Jarrett Jensen, a redshirt freshman from Rapid City, S.D. "I cannot wait to compete in the West Gym in front of all these Panther fans. I look forward to achieving my goals and dreams on and off the mat, and I am being prepared for them daily here at UNI."

UNI wrestling joins Mid-American Conference

The Mid-American Conference (MAC) recently announced the addition of the University of Missouri, the University of Northern Iowa and Old Dominion University as affiliate members in the sport of wrestling.

The addition of the three affiliate members will increase the MAC wrestling membership to nine members with Buffalo, Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Kent State, Northern Illinois and Ohio. With this increase in wrestling membership, the MAC will become the third largest Division I wrestling league in the nation behind the Big Ten and the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA).

"The transition of our wrestling program to the Mid-American Conference will serve our student-athletes well," said Troy Dannen, UNI director of athletics. "The ability to make this announcement marks a great day in the history of Panther wrestling."

"UNI wrestling looks forward to the opportunity to compete in the MAC," said Doug Schwab, UNI's head wrestling coach. "We are excited to make new and lasting rivalries for our athletes and fans."

DID YOU KNOW

UNI HAS HAD FIVE OLYMPIC WRESTLERS:

MAYNARD HARMON - 1932, Los Angeles

GERALD LEEMAN - 1948, London (Silver Medal)

BILL KOLL - 1948, London (5th place)

BILL NELSON - 1948, London

BILL SMITH - 1952, Helsinki (Gold Medal)

PANTHER WRESTLING

OLYMPIANS



TEAM NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



NCAA CHAMPIONS

1950 RAY CONNEY 130	1950 BILL NELSON 155	1950 JIM HARMON 157	1972 CLAYTON 138	1976 GARY BENTON 140	2000 TONY DAVIS 149
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Sandy Stevens, B.A. '62 (center) and UNI's wrestling team show off the new workout room.



2 Stay in the know

Keep up-to-date on happenings at your alma mater through university and alumni publications.

3 Connect with alumni

You don't need to travel far to stay connected with your fellow alumni. The UNI Alumni Association hosts events throughout the year to bring your alma mater to you. Check out the calendar online.

4 Alumni Networking

Meet new people, make connections and enhance relationships at alumni events throughout the year.

5 Reconnect with classmates

Get exclusive access to the online alumni directory to find classmates and old friends.

to join the UNI Alumni Association

6 Save money

Enjoy members-only discounts at UNI athletic events, the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center, retailers, hotels, restaurants in the Cedar Valley and entertainment venues throughout the Midwest.

Energize your body, mind and spirit 7

Stay fit with a visitor pass or an annual membership to UNI's Wellness and Recreation Center.

8 Impact lives

Interact with talented, diverse students through the Alumni Association's student programs. You can help student-members in STAT (Students Today Alumni Tomorrow) and CATS (Connecting Alumni to Students) preserve the spirit and traditions of the University of Northern Iowa.

9 Keep the tradition alive - TC reigns supreme

Support the appearance of our beloved mascot at hundreds of events each year.

Because you are Purple for Life! 10

Join the UNI Alumni Association today with the enclosed envelope or visit us at www.unialum.org.

THE WOMAN WHO NEVER GIVES UP



Jennifer Laughlin Bumgarner, B.A. '06, has faced - and overcome - her share of challenges.

She has a learning disability; it wasn't until 6th grade that she could read and comprehend what she read.

She got pregnant in high school; her daughter, Kaylee, was born on her 19th birthday. "She's gone through the hardships of life with me," Bumgarner said.

She's been on welfare and celebrated the day she got off.

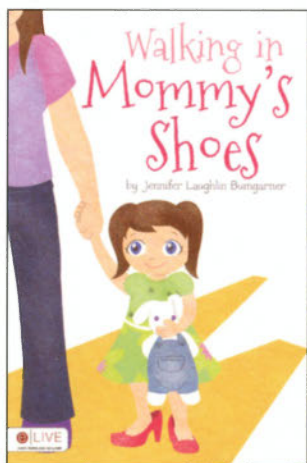
Her husband was hit by a semi and left with a brain injury, leaving her to manage his care, three kids, her jobs as a paramedic specialist, volunteer firefighter and Iowa Army National Guard member, her college career and the truck route he worked.

"I didn't sleep much back then," she admitted.

Bumgarner also struggled with an intense amount of guilt as a parent. "I was trying to make a better life for us; I was doing all these non-traditional roles for women but my kids just wanted me home," she said. "Kaylee would hide my shoes to try and get me to stay. It was horrible!"

Inspired by her experiences, Bumgarner sat down and wrote a children's book. "Walking in Mommy's Shoes" details the days of the week from a child's viewpoint and the shoes her mommy wears that day. "I wanted to preserve those memories, and work through some of the guilt," she said. "Being a single parent, you have to enjoy the moments when you can and forgive yourself for not being able to be there all the time."

After writing the book, she tucked it away in a drawer where it remained for 10 years. Bumgarner continued to work on her psychology degree at UNI and did her best to show her kids the importance of education. "We lived in married student



Proud author and mom, Jennifer Laughlin Bumgarner, B.A. '06 and daughter, Kaylee, who inspired her story.

While at UNI, Bumgarner was awarded a trip to present her research findings on race, values and elections in Washington, D.C. along with Helen Harton, UNI psychology professor. It was Bumgarner's first opportunity to travel.



housing, so it was easy to take the kids to the museum and for walks around campus," she said. "I wanted to show them what a big part education played in our lives."

Her youngest son, Austin, went to UNI's Child Development Center for daycare. Bumgarner's favorite college memories revolve around watching him play at the Campanile while she was between classes. "I would hide behind others so he wouldn't spot me," she recalled. Other students were always happy to pause and act as her camouflage.

“MY EDUCATION TRULY SAVED ME”

It was her junior year of school when she ran out of money.

"I had three semesters left," she said. "I thought it was all gone." But finally, her struggles paid off. She was a perfect candidate for the Alderman Scholars Program, a scholarship in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences for needy, worthy and appreciative students. "My education truly saved me," she said. "And it wouldn't have happened without the Alderman Scholarship."

After graduation, Bumgarner's unique life experiences allowed her to relate to and help others. "I just fell in love with social work," she said. She eventually started her own consulting agency working with human service organizations on their state and national accreditation policies.

Now divorced, she had forgotten about the book until once again, she faced more challenges. An

emergency trip to the hospital revealed she had heart trouble. "It took a life event to push me into doing something with it," she said. She sent the book to three different publishers; all three responded with a contract.

"I couldn't believe it," she said. "This has turned into something so much bigger than me." Her initial book is now on sale, with plans for additional Mommy books, Daddy books and a blended family series, inspired by Bumgarner's fiancé and his children.

"It was so hard at times – I thought I'd never get off the system," she said. "It just shows that life may not be fair, but if you keep propelling yourself forward, you can do anything."

Scholarships make a huge difference to UNI students like Jennifer. Through the Imagine the Impact campaign, more than 320 new scholarships have been pledged, worth more than **\$58 million**. To learn how you can support students through scholarships, contact the UNI Foundation at www.uni-foundation.org

MYENTRE.NET CELEBRATES 10 YEARS;

PARTNERS WITH STATE TO INCREASE REACH

Beginning with an online community and growing into a statewide technology resource, UNI's MyEntre.Net has served thousands of Iowa small business owners annually over the past 10 years.

Initially funded through a USDA grant, the MyEntre.Net online community was created in 2003 to serve several rural regions of the state with online business profiles, free business webinars and a library of Iowa business resources.

Based upon enhanced economic activity among startups in those regions, the Iowa legislature appropriated funds in 2008 to make MyEntre.Net a statewide resource.

Today, more than 11,000 small business owners select from online services designed to facilitate better business decisions and Iowa job creation. More than 2,000 Iowans are served with a MyEntre.Net resource annually.



With the increased focus on growing small businesses and job opportunities in Iowa, the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) approached MyEntre.Net to create a partnership that would allow increased access for entrepreneurs across the state.

"We are thrilled to be working close with the Iowa Economic Development Authority on the new IASourceLink site," said Rob Williams, program manager. "Through our collective efforts, Iowa entrepreneurs will have unparalleled access to the critical connections they need - at whatever their business stage - to enable them to dream big and grow here."

The goal of the new resource, called IASourceLink.com, is to help small business owners and entrepreneurs find resources via an online "one-stop shop" accessible around the clock and statewide. It is a small business web portal that features advanced technology tools designed to make it easier to find and connect with the technical assistance, capital and networks needed to start or grow a business in Iowa.

"Small businesses are the backbone of the state's economy, accounting for 51 percent of private sector jobs," said Governor Terry Branstad. "We must create an environment where small businesses can flourish and connect the dots for those who want to start or expand their small business with the vast amount of resources that are already available in our state. IASourceLink will do just that."

The new site is managed and run by UNI's MyEntre.Net team in collaboration with IEDA.

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AQB APPROVAL PUTS UNI REAL ESTATE PROGRAM GRADS FAR AHEAD IN APPRAISAL CERTIFICATION.....

Graduates of the University of Northern Iowa Real Estate Program, retroactive to the 2004-2005 academic year, are now approved to have satisfied 267 hours of credit toward the Real Property Appraiser Qualification Criteria for the Certified General Appraiser licensing.

The UNI program is only the third program in the United States to receive this level of approval from the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) of The Appraisal Foundation.

"If you want to be an appraiser, you have to be certified," said Art Cox, interim head of the UNI Department of Finance. "By satisfying a vast majority of the education requirements for the Certified General credential, our students will be far ahead of their peers at graduation."

UNI's College of Business Administration offers the state's only undergraduate major in real estate, as well as a minor in real estate through the UNI Center for Real Estate Education. Graduates with a bachelor's in real estate from UNI will still need to fulfill 33 educational hours with the National USPAP Course and Market Analysis & Highest and Best Use course, pass the certified general exam and complete 3,000 hours of work experience to become fully credentialed.

"This fits in with our college's efforts to give our students an edge in professional certifications that will propel their careers," said UNI College of Business Administration Dean Farzad Moussavi,

referring to UNI business students' history of success in passing the CPA certification, CFA® Level 1 certification and the NASBITE global business professional exam.

The only other AQB-approved undergraduate program is at the University of Denver. The University of Denver and Texas A&M graduate programs also are AQB-approved. For more information about AQB, visit www.appraisalfoundation.org.



The University of Northern Iowa experience creates a lasting impression on those who choose to learn, live and grow here.

To wear the official ring is an honor – a privilege that you have earned. The ring is available exclusively to students and alumni. The ring design will remain unchanged and will forever identify you as a member of the UNI family.

Your journey is filled with great UNI memories; they are cause for celebration and remembrance. You are invited to become part of a proud UNI tradition by wearing the Official Class Ring of the University of Northern Iowa.

For more information, please visit www.balfour.com and select University of Northern Iowa.

SCULPTING THE FUTURE

NEW PUBLIC ART INCUBATOR
SEEKS TO ENABLE REGIONAL
ARTISTS TO PRODUCE
COMMISSIONED PUBLIC ART
THROUGH UNI

University of Northern Iowa art professor Tom Stancliffe's passion for sculpture started at a young age. "As a kid, I was always doing creative things like drawing pictures, and when I look back, a lot of the time I was making stuff. In some ways, the idea of being a sculptor seemed fairly obvious - that I was going to be making things with my hands."

Later in life, he was able to channel that passion into public art sculptures, such as his nature-inspired "Harvest" piece at the Cedar County Welcome Center and the swooping "To Wing" sculptures installed at the Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids.

Now, Stancliffe is working on sharing his passion with aspiring artists. Stancliffe has been thinking for a long time of the

idea of a public art incubator at UNI, and he reasoned that the UNI's Art Department could offer all the required services.

Many public art projects - a large percentage of which are sculpture - require large-scale space and facilities for fabrication. An artist might use custom fabricators (metal, foundry, stone, glass, mosaic, etc.) for a large-scale work but this route can lead to problems. The artist's design must be translatable to conventional techniques so that the fabricator can estimate and produce the work based on typical integration of processes and materials.

Public sculpture
by Bounnak
Thammavong,
B.F.A. '03,
M.A. '05.



Strife (2011) by Sarah Deppe, B.F.A. '11



Artist Stephanie Sailer, B.F.A. '02, M.A. '05, with a public sculpture she designed for the city park in Charles City.

Stancliffe could also provide the benefit of his own experience in sculpting public artwork. For example, how does one go about transporting a large-scale artwork to its final destination? Over the years, Stancliffe has learned how to design and produce pieces so that they can be broken down. "It helps to be able to anticipate potential problems," he said.

Stancliffe sees the incubator as not only benefitting the external arts community but even more important, engaging UNI students directly as collaborators with professional artists through the production of public art.

"It's not a bad message to convey to students that they can make a living doing art," he said. No other U.S. university, as far as Stancliffe is aware, has such a program. He plans to promote the public art incubator statewide through the Iowa Arts Council, Facebook and a website. "I see this as a win-win situation for everyone involved - artists, students and the university," said Stancliffe. "We all stand to gain."

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KEEP IN TOUCH, STAY IN TOUCH

"Tonight's discussion includes the new social media options for UNI's Alumni Association. They're making it easier than ever to stay connected!"

"Yes, there's an alumni event this Friday. How do I know? It was posted on Facebook!"

As always, we welcome your phone calls, letters and personal visits too!

"As soon as I get this resumé polished up, I'll upload it to LinkedIn and see what connections I can make."

"Look, dear! Now we've got TC booked for our wedding. I'm so glad you saw that idea on Twitter!"

To stay in touch online, you can:

- ✉ email us: info@unialum.org
- f [facebook.com/UNIALum](https://www.facebook.com/UNIALum)
- t @UNI_Alumni
- in University of Northern Iowa Network
- in University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association

As the years go by, communication continues to change. The UNI Alumni Association is keeping up with the times by using social media to connect and share information with students and alumni.

GOING >>>> **STUDENTS & FACULTY** **GLOBAL** **EXPLORE MANDARIN** **CHINESE COURSE**

Last fall, the University of Northern Iowa began offering Mandarin Chinese courses. More than 1 billion people speak Chinese; it is now the most widely-spoken language of the world. China is one of the fastest growing economies in the world today and a strategic location for future businesses.

Julie Husband, interim head of the department of languages and literatures — which is the department offering the courses — said she was struck by the engagement and accomplishment of the students.

According to Husband, the class atmosphere is relaxed yet simultaneously productive. Chang-Li Huang, whom Husband identified as an “exceptional teacher,” instructs the course and said every student has displayed a strong motivation, need and interest in learning Chinese.

“Some of them studied and worked in China before and are planning to study and work in China again in the near future, so this course serves them as a solid foundation and preparation,” said Huang, a visiting faculty member from National Taiwan Normal University. “The rest of the students are interested in the Chinese language and the affairs related to China and are taking the course for personal enrichment and to broaden their horizon.”

Huang said due to the importance of the Chinese speaking world and its impact on global culture, community, economy and politics, “there seems to be no doubt that a need to offer the Chinese language as a tool for communication (exists).” “Understanding the knowledge of one more language other than English can definitely make you more competitive in the job market and also open a new window for you into a different world,” Huang said.

Bob Overton, a graduate student in the Teaching English to Students of Other Languages (TESOL) program, was in China for the past two years and said he plans to go back but wanted to first improve his Chinese, which the class has helped him do.

Josh Dunnick, a senior exercise science major, said he wanted to take the course because it was the “harder road.”

Spencer Ross, a senior marketing major, said his experience has been very positive. Ross said he is taking the class now so he can be proficient when he goes to China next semester. He hopes to be fluent.

“I like that we’re not only learning the language, but also that we’re learning the characters and symbols,” Ross said. “I used to see hieroglyphics, but now I can read some of the words and that is a very cool feeling.”

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Field of the FUTURE <<<<<<<<

Digital studies is an exploding area of study. Demands for skilled graduates exist across the state of Iowa and beyond, as society is increasingly technology-driven. According to Cisco Systems, the number of Internet-connected devices in global circulation is estimated to exceed the number of people in the world by 2016.



Interactive Digital Studies (IDS), UNI's newest major, is a direct response to the needs of the marketplace. It's a highly interdisciplinary program that will provide students with a unique set of innovative skills.

"The new IDS program fills an enormous gap in the needs of employers in the Cedar Valley and the state," said Michael Licari, associate provost for academic affairs and dean of UNI's graduate college. "It was established in response to the burgeoning digital industry in the Cedar Valley."

*FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
ONCE SAID, "WE CANNOT
ALWAYS BUILD THE
FUTURE FOR OUR YOUTH
– BUT WE CAN BUILD OUR
YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE."*

In fact, new media studies is one of the top nine new fields of study students should consider for the future, according to the *U.S. News & World Report* in Sept. 2012.

Students within the major are required to take three core classes: Interactive Digital Communication, Mass Communication and Society; and Technology and Human

Communication. From there, students choose two concentrations, or "bundles," aimed at a concentrated aspect of digital technology. The list is customizable for almost any area of interest: visualization, learning, music, advertising, computation, writing, imaging, media and social change.

The program provides students with an arsenal of digital skills, a firm understanding of digital culture and theory, and a means for responding to the digital world of today.

"No other similar program exists at other colleges or universities," said Licari. "We are extremely excited to have the program at UNI, as we continue to look for opportunities to serve the state of Iowa."



2012-13 UNI ALUMNI BOARD

Members of the 2012-13 UNI Alumni Board are: (front row, from left) Ross Reed, B.A. '06; Jerry Jauron, B.A. '90; Ron Rubek, B.A. '62. Second row: Bradley Buck, B.A. '92; David Boyer, B.A. '90; Scott Klinefelter, B.A. '76. Third row: Shirley (Post) Pantini, B.A. '58; Kevin Mote, B.A. '87; Molly (McAllister) Wilson, B.A. '00. Fourth row: Lindsay Wagoner, B.A. '04; Michelle (Green) Koller, B.A. '98; Christy Daniels, B.A. '99; Amy Mohr, B.A. '99. Fifth row: Susan Baker, B.A. '83, M.A. '01; Roberta (Zehr) Yoder, B.A. '71; Teresa Matson, B.A. '76; Alicia Amling, B.A. '03; Megan Stull, M.A. '08. Sixth row: Connie (Cunningham) Hansen, B.A. '89; Lisa (Armstrong) O'Neill, B.A. '83; Miriam (Brown) Tyson, M.P.P. '03; Kelly Neiber, B.A. '85; and Bonnie Malone, B.A. '53. Not pictured: Tony Bibbs, B.S. '97; Justin Bierman, B.A. '99; Ellen (Edwards) Jessen, B.A. '65; Emiliano Lerda, B.A. '04; Tracy (Randall) Liebermann, B.A. '87, Splst. '89; Dave Peters, B.A. '78



I had the pleasure of welcoming the December graduates into the UNI alumni family last month at Commencement. There is so much I could tell them about staying connected to their university after they graduate, but I was the last speaker in a long ceremony so I only touched on a few simple things they (and you) can do to stay connected to UNI.

There are numerous ways that all of us as UNI alumni can stay engaged with our alma mater. Personally, I love running into other alumni in the community wearing their UNI clothing and showing their pride in the institution. Others may like to volunteer at UNI events, serve on campus boards, mentor UNI students or join groups like the UNI Alumni Association, Panther Scholarship Club or give to the UNI Foundation.

Another powerful way to stay connected is to advocate on behalf of UNI with your civic leaders in the state of Iowa. January kicks off the start of

the legislative session in Iowa; if you live in Iowa, reaching out to your legislator is an easy way to show your support. If you don't live in Iowa, you probably still have family and friends here whom you can encourage to get engaged. My advice if you do contact a legislator - speak from the heart about what your UNI education has meant to your life. You can state facts and figures about how more than 90 percent of UNI students are Iowa kids and more than 70 percent of them stay in Iowa for their first job. Hearing from you makes a difference.

However you choose...

GO PANTHERS!

Justin Bierman

Justin Bierman '99

Chairman, UNI Alumni Association Board of Directors

Class Notes

Class Notes are compiled from information sent in personally by alumni or submitted via news release to the Alumni Association office. If you would like to share your news, go to www.unialum.org/submit-class-notes.

Names listed in **purple** are Alumni Association members. Names that begin with a 🐾 are Lifetime Alumni Association members.

Send address changes and Class Notes submissions to info@unialum.org, www.unialum.org or by mail to University of Northern Iowa Today, UNI Alumni Association, 1012 W. 23rd Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50614-0284.

1940s

🐾 **'47 Katherine (Hughes) Short, BA**, Clear Lake, retired in 1982 after teaching music for 30 years. She has recently moved back to Clear Lake from Mason City, and she is now residing in an assisted living facility.

1950s

'51 DeWaine Silker, BA, Rochester, MN, taught mathematics at Rochester Community College from 1951 until retiring in 1993 with a hiatus from 1966 to 1969, during which time he taught at the American College for Girls in Istanbul. He earned a Master's Degree in Education from Colorado College in 1957 and a Master's Degree in Mathematics from San Diego State University in 1960.

'52 Harold Burshtan, BA, Wheaton, IL, retired June 1999 after serving as a high school principal for 40 years in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. His last position was as high school principal at Wheaton North in Wheaton, IL. From 1965-67, he was vice president of Parsons College in Fairfield.

'52 Mary (Stout) Stierwalt, 2-yr. Cert., Chariton, celebrated 50 years of ownership of Family Shoe in Chariton on 10/1/2012.

'58 Richard Leet, BA, MA '65, Mason City, taught art in the Oelwein Community School System before becoming the founding director of the Charles H. MacNider Museum in Mason City in 1965. He retired from the museum in Sept. 2001 but has continued his career of more than 50 years as an active professional artist. The MacNider Museum hosted a retrospective exhibition of his work this past fall.

1960s

'61 Roger Reas, MA, Butternut, WI, is chairman of Northwoods Community Credit Union Board of Directors. He is also clowning around with the Flambeau Zor Shrine clowns.

🐾 **'63 Carroll Engelhardt, BA**, Moorhead, MN, published "The Farm at Holstein Dip: An Iowa Boyhood." The book tells of his life during the '40s and '50s on a small, diversified farm near Elkader.

'63 Sam Logsdon, BA, MA '70, Georgetown, TX, retired as chair of the department of music at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. He moved to Sun City Texas in Georgetown and is having great fun with children and grandchildren.

'63 Oliver Pierce, BA, La Vista, NE, retired but still does a little tax work. He has a three-season year: tax season, golf season and college football/basketball season.

'66 Cheryl (Snell) Smith, BA, Duncombe, retired as the preschool teacher at St. Thomas Aquinas School in Webster City.

'67 Paul Fitzgerald, BA, Forest City, is vice president of Titonka Savings Bank in Forest City.

'68 Steven Findley, BA, Waverly, retired after 44 years of teaching at Western Dubuque High School.

'69 Dian (Langlas) Boysen, BA, Hiawatha, retired from the Cedar Rapids Community

Schools in 2002 after 33 years as a library media specialist.

'69 Ray Johnson, BA, Clear Lake, retired as school counselor at Belmond Community Schools in Jan. 2012. With the exception of 1971-73, when he served with the U.S. Army, he was a school counselor for 43 years.

'69 Sharon Shaulis, BA, Oskaloosa, retired in 2003. She enjoys reading, traveling and volunteering in her community.

'69 John Steffa, BA, MM '78, Mars Hill, NC, retired after teaching nearly 40 years in public schools and state universities. He continues to compose and performs as cellist in several regional orchestras. John and spouse Nancy, also retired, have traveled to Mongolia, Tibet, China, Peru, Taiwan, Africa and other regions to study indigenous music of diverse cultures. They have two grown children.

1970s

'70 Paul Renaud, BA, Davenport, and wife, Marcia, sing with the Quad Cities Choral Arts Group. In May 2011, they sang Orff's "Carmina Burana" at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In March 2012, they performed Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem" in Minneapolis with the University of Minnesota Orchestra and other choral groups from Minnesota and Illinois, and also in the Quad Cities with the Quad City Symphony.

'71 Bonnie (Johnson) Beorkrem, BA, Bettendorf, retired at the end of May after 41 years of teaching business subjects, mainly computers, in the Davenport Community School District.

'72 Donna (Geadelmann) Hall, BA, Cedar Falls, retired from Allen Memorial Hospital Mental Health Unit as a recreation therapist in 2008. Now she visits grandkids in Washington, D.C. and volunteers at Cedar Valley Hospice.

HOMEcoming PRIDE

The Brandenburg family from LeMars showed off their Panther pride at Homecoming. L-R: Michael Brandenburg, accounting student at UNI; **Melissa Brandenburg, B.A. '10**; Sue Brandenburg, proud mom; **Kathy Brandenburg, B.A. '09**; and **Dan Brandenburg, B.A. '81**.





PE classmates from the '70s had a ball visiting campus last winter as a combination trip for recognition of the women's basketball team and a PE reunion. They got a tour of the renovated Women's Gym – now the Innovative Teaching and Technology Center - and loved seeing the original floors, ceilings, marble and fixtures. From l-r: **Diane (Sulentic) Hill, B.A. '72; Joyce Moore, B.A. '72; Lois Hartman, B.A. '72; Carla (Pletsch) Janssen, B.A. '72, M.A. '88; Gwen (Larson) Luloff, B.A. '72; Jill Little, B.A. '73; Kathy (Cram) Green, B.A. '72, M.A. '89.**

🌟 **'72 John Petersen, BA, Columbus, NE,** was honored as National Coach of the Year in volleyball by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association at the NHSACA National Awards Banquet in Fargo, ND, on 7/25/2012. Petersen teaches math and has led the Scotus Central Catholic High School girls' volleyball team to an unprecedented 15 state titles in 25 years.

🌟 **'73 David Fish, BA, Belle Plaine,** retired from the Keota Community School District after teaching and coaching for 38 years. During this time, he served as head of the social studies department, girls track coach, cross country coach, head of the Model UN program and director of the Close Up program. He was elected mayor of Belle Plaine in Nov. 2011 and is currently an assistant girls' basketball coach for the Plainsmen.

'73 Jane (Reynolds) Heisterkamp, BA, Sloan, accepted a half-time teaching contract for K-2nd grade music in the Sergeant-Bluff-Luton Community School District for 2012-13. She retired in 2008 after 30 years teaching in the Westwood (Sloan) Community School District.

She had been a substitute teacher in elementary classrooms for the last four years.

🌟 **'73 Pat (Moeller) Hunsberger, BA, Elgin,** retired from teaching in May 2012. Her husband, Ben, died of cancer in June 2012.

'74 Donald Clausen, BA, MA '83, Mulvane, KS, retired after teaching industrial arts for 33 years. He had to retire due to pancreatic cancer. Though the future is uncertain, he feels fortunate to have great support from family and friends.

'74 Thomas Dallenbach, BA, Waterloo, retired from John Deere in 2011 after 30 years of employment. He and his wife of 37 years have resided on an acreage for 34 years. They have three children and two grandchildren.

'74 Richard Gaard, MA, Decorah, was selected Class 3A Boys Golf Coach of the Year by the Iowa Golf Coaches Association. He is the boys' golf coach at Decorah High School and has held that position for a total of 41 years.

🌟 **'74 Robert Good, BA, Charleston, IL,** was installed as president of the American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI) on 10/20/12

at their national conference in Orlando. He is currently the medical director of Carle Foundation Physician Services and has previously served as secretary-treasurer and on numerous committees of ACOI. He achieved the degree of Fellow (FACOI) in 2000, and was first elected to the ACOI Board of Directors in 2006.

'75 Donna (White) Devine, BA, and Pat Devine, BA '75, Chicago, IL, left their respective positions of employment in July 2012 for a 27-month tour of service with the Peace Corps in the Philippines. Pat was a senior probation case manager for Johnson County, KS, and Donna was a social work practicum instructor for University of Kansas.

'75 Thomas Turner, BA, Des Moines, became director of human resources for Escambia County, FL, on 11/14/2012. He was formerly the human resources director with the State of Iowa. He served as human resources director for the City of Des Moines from 1997 to 2011.

'76 Jeffery Carmichael, BA, Valley Center, KS, was named 2012-13 president of Kansas Association for Justice.

UNI GRADS HONORED IN NEW EDUCATION HALL OF FAME

The newly-created Charles City Excellence in Education Hall of Fame inducted six charter members; three of whom are UNI graduates. **Dorothy Chapler Coacher, B.A. '38; Sally Carbaugh Frudden, B.A. '55, M.A. '72; and Gayle Johns Rose, B.A. '77,** were honored in a ceremony in April 2012 for their support and dedication to education in the Charles City area.

'76 Paul Klinge, BA, Waverly, was named managing director of EBIT Associates, Ltd.

'76 Linda (Nelson) Martin, BA, Decorah, is in her 10th year as adjunct faculty in music at Luther College where she conducts Cantorei, an 80-voice women's choir, and teaches ear training and beginning theory. She previously taught 20 years in the public schools of northeast Iowa.

'76 Dennis Pfrimmer, BA, Pierre, SD, received the 2012 Social Worker of the Year Award from the National Association of Social Workers - South Dakota Chapter. He is currently a social worker with Capital Area Counseling Service, Inc.

'76 Jann (Turner) Sausedo, BA, Chandler, AZ, will retire in May 2013 after teaching general music for 22 years at San Marcos Elementary School, touching the lives of multi-generations within the school community. She won an Apple Achievement Award, sponsored by the school district, and was a Big Sister mentor for many years.

'77 Sue (Goschke) Gravert, BA, Albion, teaches family consumer science at Albion Junior High/High School. She is married to Gary, an Iowa grad, and has four children. So far, three girls have attended UNI; two have already graduated; one is a junior and the youngest is planning to attend next year.

'78 Dave Peters, BA, Cedar Falls, was inducted into the Eastern Iowa Business Hall of Fame on 9/13/2012. He is president of Peters Construction Corporation in Waterloo and a former adjunct professor of construction management at UNI.

'79 Jason Lewis, BA, Minneapolis, MN, is host of the nationally-syndicated Jason Lewis Show and is the author of "Power Divided is Power Checked: The Argument for States' Rights." He was recently selected as one of the top 25 talk hosts in the country by Newsmax Magazine. Jason was named as one of The Heavy Hundred most important talk radio show hosts in the nation by Talkers Magazine. He writes a monthly column for the Star Tribune of Minneapolis.

1980s

'81 Scott Bertelsen, BA, Forest City, is an English and speech/drama instructor at Forest City High School. He received the National Federation State Speech, Debate and Theatre Award for Iowa for 2012. He has been coaching individual and large group speech at Forest City for 31 years.

'82 Nancy Aossey, BA, MBA '84, Santa Monica, CA, was honored by the International Medical Corps with the Special Leadership Award in recognition of her 25 years of service to the organization.

'82 Matthew Coulter, BA, West Des Moines, has been promoted to bureau chief of Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services and will also remain chief financial officer.

'82 Kim (Heisterkamp) Vandendriessche, BA, Cedar Falls, was named a 2011 Work Place Hero Among Us by

the Covenant and Sartori foundations, and a Gold Star Teacher in 2011 by KWWL and the R.J. McElroy Trust.

'83 Cecile Johnson, MA, Denton, TX, retired in May 2012 after a 39-year career in public school music education in Massachusetts, Iowa and Texas. She completed the last 25 years at Woodrow Wilson Elementary in Denton, TX, as K-5th music specialist and conductor of the school's All-State Choir. Cecile received the 2012 OAKE (Organization of American Kodaly Educators) Educator of the Year Award and Choral Excellence Award from Texas Choral Directors Association. Cecile continues as a Kodaly music specialist and clinician and is married to Professor J. Keith Johnson, who taught trumpet at UNI from 1966-86.

'85 Mary Laws-Helmig, BA, Morgantown, PA, is a premium audit manager at CNA Insurance. Her son, Jack, is 5 years old.

'86 Deb Vangellow, BA, Sugarland, TX, was named both Central Section and National Teacher of the Year by the 2012 Ladies Professional Golf Association Teaching and Club Professional membership. She serves on the LPGA Board of Directors.

'87 James Clapsaddle, BA, MA '89, APO, AE, is serving as the commander of the Air Forces 379th Expeditionary Medical Group at Al Udeid Air Base in southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.



'87 Tracy (Randall) Liebermann, BA, Splst '89, Iowa City, is regional administrator for the Grant Wood Area Education Agency.

'88 Tim Navara, BA, Council Bluffs, is the new high school principal and activities director at Treynor Community School District as of July 2012.

'89 Tracey (Edwards) Murphy, BA, MA '91, Otley, received the 2012-13 Physical Educator of the Year Award by the Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She has been teaching and coaching in the Pella Community School District for the past 19 years. She is also a nominee for the AAHPERD Central District Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year.

1990s

'90 Daniel Janssen, BA, Milwaukee, WI, is a partner in the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP. He was selected by his peers for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2013 for excellence in employment law, management/labor law and management.

'91 Richard Thomas, BS, Westlake, OH, was promoted to executive vice president & COO/CFO of Norris Brothers Co., Inc. He is now responsible for all operations of the company.

'92 Jennifer Souder, BA, Des Moines, lived in Edinburgh, Scotland from 2007-09 where she set up an administrative position for Carrubbers Christian Centre.



RA'S UNITE

Back in the '80s, they were rocking RA's in Noehren. These five friends had a fun reunion on campus last spring. Top photo from l-r: **Martha Johnston-Mundt, B.A. '84**; **Shari (Stevens) Ford, B.A. '84**; **Jan Hereid, B.A. '83**; **Joan (Weber) Buchanan, B.A. '83**; and **Sue (Mast) McCauley, B.A. '83**.

'93 Raelynn (Schneekloth) Maloney, BA, Littleton, CO, is the author of "Waking Up: A Parent's Guide to Mindful Awareness and Connection."

'94 Wolfgang Schutzing, MM, New Boston, NH, has just released his newest CD entitled, "The Gottfried Project Presents A MIXED BAG" on his own label, Kaffee Wolfgang Productions, Not Inc. He spends time writing, recording, and performing with small ensembles in the New England area.

'95 Tricia (Tuttle) Roberts, BA, Dunlap, started a breast cancer awareness company called "Check the Girls" to raise awareness and raise money for women in Iowa and Nebraska for free mammograms.

'99 Jay Ramsey, BM, Cedar Falls, is beginning his seventh year as foreman of the instrument repair shop at West Music in Cedar Falls.

2000s

'00 Kyle Lechtenberg, BM, Des Moines, facilitated a session, "When Music Meets Theologies," for the 2012 American Choral Directors Association regional conference in Madison, WI. He has been director of the office for worship for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Des Moines since 2009, training music and liturgical ministers, after earning his MA in Theological Studies at Notre Dame in 2008.

'00 Chandra (Egger) McKern, BM, Pensacola, FL, is an accomplished lyric mezzo-soprano and soprano who joined the Pensacola Opera staff in 2008. She serves as director of education and community outreach, overseeing the Artists-in-Residence program.

'00 Dale Otte, BA, Pella, is the athletic director at Pella High School.

'01 Linda Miller, BA, MA '04, Waterloo, began a new career on 1/8/2012 at St. Timothy's

United Methodist Church. Her husband, Joseph, died on 7/17/2008.

'02 Carla (Venteicher) Ramsey, BM, MM '10, Cedar Falls, started her fourth year as director of bands at Dunkerton and second year as alumni coordinator of the UNI Marching Band in 2012.

'03 Maren Van De Water, BA, Houston, TX, is a math interventionist at Outley Elementary School.

'05 Kari (Kruse) Bullis, BA, North Liberty, was named 2012 Secondary School Teacher of the Year by the Iowa Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (IAHPERD) at their state convention in Spirit Lake. She has taught PE at Williamsburg Jr/Sr High School for the past seven years.

'05 Lindsey (Rentz) Kennedy, BA, Sioux Falls, SD, is marketing coordinator for the Sioux Falls Jazz and Blues Society.

'05 Michael Prichard, BM, Sioux City, is in his seventh year as band director at Bishop Heelan High School. He was awarded the 2013 Martin Crandell Award for Distinguished Service by the Northwest Iowa Bandmasters Association. He plays with the All-American Concert Band, Sioux City Municipal Band, Le Mars Community Band and Reggie Schive Big Band.

'05 Nathan Smith, BM, Melcher, teaches 7th-12th grade music at Melcher-Dallas Community School District and is working on his Master's of Music at UNI.

'06 Brenda Liddle, BM, Waterloo, teaches orchestra in the Waterloo Community School District.

'06 Scott Wadding, BA, West Des Moines, has joined Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C. as an associate attorney.

'08 Daphne Schlamp, BA, Reinbeck, is the juvenile justice program coordinator for the

Weekend Offender Program at Quakerdale in New Providence.

'09 Andrew Thoreen, BA, and Julie (Baldwin) Thoreen, BA '10, Cedar Falls, recently quit their jobs to focus on starting their own music business, Slimbeast Productions, a record label/production company focusing on artist management, promotion, distribution, publishing and touring. Their duo "Har-di-Har" performed at the Sioux City Conservatory of Music (SCCM) on 9/21/2012. Through their website, they are writing songs for commission with a portion going towards scholarships for SCCM.

2010s

'10 Pernell Cezar, BA, Hopkins, MN, was promoted to negotiation expert for the healthcare division of Target Corporation.

'11 Hannah Leffler, MM, Waterloo, performed a flute recital on the Luther College campus on 10/25/12. She is an adjunct faculty member in music at Luther College.

'11 Allyson Martin, MA, Flemingsburg, KY, is in her second year as band director at Fleming County High School and Simons Middle School, teaching general music and directing marching, pep and concert bands. She also teaches private flute lessons and is currently principal flutist for the Morehead State University Concert Band.

'11 Casey Turner, BM, Albia, was hired by Twin Cedars Community School District as K-12 music teacher, where duties include band and choir director and elementary music teacher.

'12 Spencer Walrath, BA, Washington, D.C., works as a staff assistant with Pfizer, Inc. in Washington, D.C.

UNI GRADS LEADING THE WAY IN THE CEDAR VALLEY



The Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier recently announced its 20 Under 40 winners for 2012. The award honors outstanding young people in the Cedar Valley who are making a difference in their work and personal lives to make the area a better place. Half of this year's recipients are UNI graduates. The list includes: **Melissa (Dooley) Barber, B.A. '98;** **Mason Fromm, B.A. '97;** **Anesa Kajtazovic, B.A. '07;** **Kyle Klingman, B.A. '00;** **Krista (Prather) McNurlen, B.A. '97;** **Cheryl (Ritz) Meller, B.A. '02;** **ShanQuiesha Robinson, B.A. '07;** **Steve Slessor, B.A. '06;** **Kim (Kester) Tierney, B.A. '03;** and **Bill Wilson, B.A. '97.**

NIEDERT AWARDED HIGHEST HONOR BY ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIABETICS

Registered dietitian **Kathleen C. Niedert, M.B.A. '79**, a specialist in long-term and geriatric care, has been named the 2012 recipient of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Marjorie Hulsizer Copher Award. It is the highest honor given by the academy as the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals. Niedert currently is the administrator of Park View Manor within the Western Home Communities. She is a widely-published author and has been an adjunct professor at UNI, teaching courses in nutrition, human metabolism and food chemistry. She lives in Hudson.



Marriages

'97 Amy Timmerman, BA, married Glenn Gesell on 7/4/2011 in Interlaken, Switzerland.

'04 Morgan (Maxwell) McCulley, BA, married Greg McCulley on 9/1/2012.

'07 Tiesha Walker, BA, MA '09, married Darnain Walker on 9/30/2012.

'11 Casey Turner, BM, married Emily (Guemmer) Turner on 6/23/2012.

'12 Matthew Even, BS, married **Kimberly (Sellers) Even, BA '12**, on 8/4/2012.

Births

'99 Paul Gorecki, BA, and **Cathy Gorecki**, Chicago, IL, daughter Natalia Cathryn born 8/27/2012.

'99 Jason Lau, BA, MA '02, and **Mavis Njoo Lau, BA '03**, San Rafael, CA, daughter Hokyin Hayley Lau born 9/17/2012. She joins big brother Hokhin Harrison Lau.

'99 Jay Ramsey, BM, and **Carla (Venteicher) Ramsey, BM '02, MM '10**, Cedar Falls, daughter Madeline born in 2011.

'00 Jennifer (Noehl) Rusch, BA, and **Jesse Rusch**, Peosta, son Isaac Nicholas born 10/17/2012.

'02 Kyle Whalley, BM, and wife, Erin, Liberty, MO, son Nicholas born 12/25/2011. He joins brother Nolan, age 6.

'05 Janda (Campbell) Brittain, BA, and Eric Brittain, Eden Prairie, MN, son Kellen Louis born 6/16/2012.

'06 Nick Hlavacek, BA, and **Christina (Oyer) Hlavacek, BA '05**, Cedar Rapids, daughter Leah Nicole born on 10/26/12. She joins older brother Holden.

'07 Lauren (Walker) Dunn, BA, MSW '08, and **Jeffrey Dunn, BA '08**, Waterloo, son Connor John born 4/16/2012.

Deaths

'42 Doris (Switzer) Stukenberg, 2-yr Cert., died 10/18/2012 in Huxley.

'48 Ione (Linn) Nielsen, BA, died 3/28/2012 in Cape Coral, FL.

'61 Thomas Switzer, BA, died 8/30/2012 in Colorado Springs, CO.

'89 Bruce Aden, BA, died 7/3/2012 in Fort Dodge.



COLLUM NAMED PRESIDENT OF UNI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Vicki Collum has been appointed to serve as president of the UNI Alumni Association and interim director of Advancement Relations. In this newly-created position, Collum will coordinate services related to alumni relations, development, events, donor relations and communications.

Collum has worked at the UNI Foundation for the past 14 years. Most recently, she served as the director of Annual Giving. In this capacity she was responsible for implementing fundraising activities for both restricted and unrestricted annual campaigns. She has worked closely with the UNI Alumni Association to implement membership solicitation through the Panther Call Center. She has also presented at the Iowa Annual Giving Professionals Conference on generational messaging and trends.



AOSSEY SHARES INSPIRING STORIES WITH UNI STUDENTS

Nancy Aossey, B.A. '82, M.B.A. '84, shared stories of destruction, hope and healing with hundreds of UNIBusiness students in October as she interlaced her organization's work with advice for professional success and personal fulfillment.

Aossey is president and CEO of International Medical Corps, a \$185-million global, humanitarian nonprofit organization that provides healthcare training and relief and development programs in some of the most devastated regions of the world.

"We have a philosophy of helping people help themselves," Aossey said. She added that the organization invests in people, education and training so they can turn around and help others and develop a sense of self-worth.

Aossey experienced a dramatic change 25 years ago when she moved from Iowa to California to work for a telephone company, approached a new startup organization about volunteer work and was offered the position of CEO. She followed her instincts, accepted the offer and began her career at the helm of International Medical Corps.

With little to lose when she began in 1986, Aossey said the organization "looked at problems in a slightly different way, and we weren't afraid to take risks." Those risks paid off, and the little startup is now a huge force in the fight against - and recovery from - man-made and natural disasters around the world.

With experience leading thousands of employees and volunteers, Aossey told students that giving people the tools, opportunities and authority they need to do their jobs is how she is able to accomplish so much.

Last spring, Jacqui Gavin, deputy head of logistics for International Medical Corps, presented at the UNIBusiness-John Deere Supply Chain Forum. This year, senior UNI marketing student Stephanie Dick is interning with the organization.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- 12 Men's Basketball Reunion
UNI
- 15 UNI Men's Basketball at Creighton
Pre-game Event
Omaha, Neb.
- 23 Association Member Pre-game Event
UNI

FEBRUARY

- 8 Association Member Reception at
West Side Story
UNI
- 9 Alumni Board Meeting
UNI
- 11 UNI Day at the State Capitol
Des Moines
- 16 UNI Men's Basketball at Drake
Pre-Game
Des Moines

MARCH

- 2 RA Alumni Event
UNI
- 7-10 Men's Basketball MVC Tournament
St. Louis, Mo.
- 14-17 Women's Basketball MVC Tournament
St. Charles, Mo.

APRIL

- 12-13 Sigma Phi Epsilon Alumni Reunion
UNI
- 18 Twin Cities Business Alumni Event
Minneapolis, Minn.

MAY

- 9-11 Golden Graduate Reunion
UNI
- 11 Spring Commencement
UNI

Note date change:

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OCT. 12

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